Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a broadcast program, comprising: receiving a first user input representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program; storing first data representing said first digit within one of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and processing said first data for selecting said broadcast program, wherein said first predetermined time interval and said second predetermined time interval are non-zero time intervals.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein: said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and said first data is processed after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprised of: receiving a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and processing said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprised of: receiving a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires; and processing said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

6.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said second region includes North

America and South America.

7.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein: said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprised of: enabling user selection of one of said first region and said second region; and storing data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to said user selection.

9.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising: tuning means for tuning a frequency providing a broadcast program; memory means for storing first data representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program responsive to a first user input, said memory means storing said first data within one of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and processing means for processing said first data and controlling said tuning means to select said broadcast program, wherein said first predetermined time interval and said second predetermined time interval are non-zero time intervals..

10.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein: said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and said processing means processes said first data after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.

11.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processing means: detects a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and processes said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

12.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processing means: detects a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval after one of said first and second predetermined time

intervals expires; and processes said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

13.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

14.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said second region includes North America and South America.

15.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein: said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

16.   (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said memory means stores data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to user selection of one of said first region and said second region.

17.   (Currently Amended) A television signal receiver, comprising: a tuner operative to tune a frequency providing a broadcast program; a memory operative to store first data representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program responsive to a first user input, wherein said memory stores said first data within one of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and a processor operative to process said first data and control said tuner ~~(15)~~ to select said broadcast program, wherein said first predetermined time interval and said second predetermined time interval are non-zero time intervals..

18.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein: said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and said processor processes said first data after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.

19.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said processor is further operative to: detect a second user input representing a second digit associated with

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said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and process said second data to select said broadcast program.

20.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said processor is further operative to: detect a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires; and process said second data to select said broadcast program.

21.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

22.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said second region includes North America and South America.

23.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein: said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

24.   (original) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said memory is further operative to store data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to user selection of one of said first region and said second region.

25. – 30. (cancelled)